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shortage of materials for the Reichsbahn. Specific shortages included shaped iron parts which are becoming increasingly difficult to procure and railroad ties. Eleonore Staimer,¹ Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign & Domestic Trade, left for Rumania in early May to negotiate with the Rumanians for the purchase of more railroad ties for the East German Reichsbahn. As of 18 May 1955, the shortages of materials had not been all-cleared.

1. Comment. Frau Staimer is the wife of Richard Staimer, head of the Central Board (Zentralvorstand) of the Association for Sport and Technology (Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik) of the Ministry of the Interior.

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